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(54) Título: COMPOSICION FLUIDA ADECUADA PARA LA PRODUCCION Y REPARACION DE MEMBRANAS DE IN-
TERCAMBIO IONICO(57) Abstract: Fluid composition containing ion exchange copolymer which is perfluorated with functional groups -SO₃M, M-hy-
drogen ions or ions of alkaline metals (EM higher than 900) and a polar organic solvent or a mixture of a polar organic solvent and
a non polar solvent and, as perfluorated ion exchange copolymer, the composition contains a perfluorated ion exchange copolymer
having a crystallinity grade from 2 to 10 % and a ratio between the density of the indicated ion exchange copolymer and the den-
sity of the original perfluorated copolymer in non ionic form between 0.9 and 0.97. The proportion of the components is in % by
weight: perfluorated ion exchange copolymer 1-35; polar organic solvent or mixture of polar organic solvent with non polar solvent
65-99. Such compositions are used in the production and repair of ion exchange membranes (IEM) which are used in the alkaline
electrolysis with chlorine or in the water electrolysis in fuel/gas separation cells.(57) Resumen: Composición fluida que contiene copolímero de intercambio iónico perfluorado con grupos funcionales -SO₃M,
iones de M-hidrógeno o iones de metales alcalinos (EM mayor de 900) y un disolvente orgánico polar o una mezcla de un disolvente
orgánico polar y un disolvente no polar y, como copolímero de intercambio iónico perfluorado, la composición contiene un copolí-
mero de intercambio iónico perfluorado con un grado de cristalinidad del 2 al 10 % y una relación entre la densidad del copolímero
de intercambio iónico perfluorado y la densidad del copolímero perfluorado original en forma no iónica de 0.90-0.97. La relación de
los componentes es, en % en masa: copolímero de intercambio iónico perfluorado 1-35, disolvente orgánico polar o mezcla de di-
solvente orgánico polar con disolvente no polar 65-99. Tales composiciones se usan en la producción y reparación de membranas
de intercambio iónico (IEM), que se usan en la electrolisis alcalina con cloro en la electrolisis acuosa en celdas de separación de
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Table I. Preparation conditions for the compositions. Their composition and properties.

NN	Copolymer TFE-SVE						Solvents			Solution conditions		Composition properties		
	Abbreviation	Quantity, g	Equivalent Mass	Crystallinity degree, %	Relative density	Form	Polar		Non polar	Total mass, g	Temperature °C	Time, h.	Concentration of dissolved copolymer, % in mass	Viscosity (B2-4) a
							Mass ratio							
1	SPL-2	4	2600	10	0.97	-HSO ₃	Isopropanol		-	196	80	4	2	8
2	SPL-1	12	1000	2	0.9	-NaSO ₃	Methylethylketone		-	88	20	2	12	40
3	SPL-4	8	1070	8	0.95	-KSO ₃	Ketone		-	92	22	3	8	38
4	SPL-4	9.3	1070	6	0.93	-KSO ₃	Ethanol		-	91	75	2	9.3	30
5	SPL-3	35	1100	9	0.92	-LiSO ₃	Dimethylformamide		-	65	80	2.5	35	450
6	SPL-5	10	1600	10	0.97	-HSO ₃	Dimethylformamide + Ethanol		-	90	95	2	10	51
7	SPL-1	15	1000	4	0.94	-NaSO ₃	Ethanol + methylethylketone 10:1		-	85	80	1.5	15	63
8	SPL-2	1	2600	10	0.97	-HSO ₃	Ethanol	1,1,1 Trichlorobromethane		99	80	3	1	5
9	SPL-6	7	1200	7	0.96	-HSO ₃	Isopropanol 10	Benzene		93	75	3	7	23
10	SPL-7	6	1700	7.5	0.963	-LiSO ₃	Isopropanol 2	Benzene		87	90	2	6	15
11	SPL-6 (Control)	2	1200	12	0.97	-HSO ₃	Isopropanol		-	198	75	3	0	-
12	SPL-6 (Control)	2	1200	10.5	0.993	-HSO ₃	Isopropanol		-	198	75	3	0	-